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We have a fine up-to-date corn mill, and will either grind your corn for you, or will buy it from you, and pay you the highest market price.

WE WANT TO BUY CORN.

Half a block east of Cooper's.
G. W. ROPER & SON,
Feed and Sale Barn, Wagon Yard, Coal and Wood.

Frisco Time Table.

NORTH BOUND.		
No 112—Meteor for Kansas City		2.45 am
SOUTH BOUND.		
No 111 Meteor		2.12 am
No 187 Afton Accommodation		6.40 am
No 181 Sapulpa Passenger		6.10 pm
EAST BOUND.		
No 312 St. Louis Express		2.20 am
No 186 Joplin Passenger		9.25 am
No 8 St. Louis Limited		7.17 pm
No 188 Joplin Passenger		9.40 pm
No 183 From Baxter to Joplin		6.35 am
WEST BOUND.		
No 309 Wichita Passenger		1.45 am
No 7 Kansas Limited		8.00 am

This schedule went into effect Sunday, June 23, 1912.

J. E. VINCENT, Agent.

New Night Train

FROM
Joplin and Carthage
TO
Kansas City
and intermediate points via

MISSOURI
PACIFIC
IRON
MOUNTAIN

Leave Joplin.....11:45 pm
Leave Carthage12:30 am
Arrive Kansas City... 6:45 am

Modern equipment, Separate drawing room sleeping cars from Joplin and Carthage, open for occupancy any time after 9:30 p. m. Passengers may remain in sleepers at Kansas City until 7 a. m.

SIMILAR SERVICE SOUTH BOUND.

Leave Kansas City 11:45 p.m. Arrive Carthage 5:50 a. m.
Arrive Joplin 6:45 a. m.

Separate sleeping cars to Carthage and Joplin may be occupied in Kansas City any time after 10:30 p. m., and passengers may remain in sleepers at Carthage and Joplin until 7:30 a. m.

Better Track. Better Service.

For reservations and any information, phone or see
H. A. COOPER, D. P. A., Joplin, Mo.

HARRY L. WILBUR, GRADUATE AUCTIONEER.

Will make sales anywhere in this section of country.

He needs no introduction. Reference—Any person for whom he has made a sale.

Call him over the Rural phone, or come to this office for dates.

Cassville Re-Union.

The Thirty-Second Annual Re-Union of Old Soldiers and Settlers at Cassville, Mo., is to be held August 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1912. This re-union is one of the best known in the country and is always attended by a large crowd. The park in which it is held is without doubt the best in the entire southwest. Flat creek runs through the grounds and there is a spring on three sides, insuring plenty of pure water for man and stock.

Watch for program with will appear later.

For concessions write J. F. Black, Cassville, Mo.

For four months the country will be in great uproar in the selection of a president. Every farmer will become greatly interested in the result. But do you know that a poor school director or a bad road supervisor can do you more damage than a bad president of the United States? It behooves farmers to be exceedingly careful in the selection of their local officials.

Sweet Clover as a Fertilizer.

Considerable mention is being made of sweet clover as a forage plant. It grows in great profusion on the roadsides and heretofore has not been regarded as a food plant. Now it is claimed that when cut early it makes fair hay. Perhaps cattle may be taught to eat it, but they do not take to it naturally.

But its use as a fertilizer bids fair to be of much importance. Along the hills of some of our large rivers are yellow clay bluffs (loess formation) which are usually so weatherworn that little can be made to grow on them. Analysis reveals the fact that these clay bluffs are rich in the necessary mineral matter for plant growth, but that the humus has been practically all washed out of them.

The problem of making these hills fertile is one of getting humus into the soil. Heavy manuring would accomplish the result, but the manure is not always available in sufficient quantities. Not many plants can be made to grow in these places, but the despised sweet clover is one of them.

Being a legume, the sweet clover draws to itself large quantities of free nitrogen from the air by the bacteria that grow on its roots. Plowing under the sweet clover gives the soil the needed humus and supplies it with an abundance of nitrogen. So sweet clover has been found to be a splendid plant to restore the fertility of the wornout clay hills.

Instead of plowing under the sweet clover, it may be mowed and some possibly good hay secured. But in mowing the clover for hay it will take a longer time to build up the soil. The white variety of sweet clover is recommended for this purpose. Sweet clover may be seeded any time before the middle of August at the rate of 18 pounds to the acre.

How Prevent Soil Washing.

Our spring and early summer rains came largely in heavy downpours. The desired drizzle-drazzle was displaced by "gully-washers," which forcibly showed the necessity of doing everything possible to prevent the washing of the soils.

For this purpose deep tilling is of much value. The soil that can hold the most moisture will be subject to the least soil washing. The greater the depth of plowing the more water the soil can hold. Water will begin to run off shallow plowed land long before it runs off deep plowed land. When water runs off plowed land it is bound to carry soil with it. The amount of soil the water takes away will depend on the volume of water and the swiftness of the current. On deep plowed land the amount of water to flow off will be less than on shallow plowed soil. The velocity of the water is mainly determined by the slope, but if the velocity can be reduced by putting brush or straw in the gullies the amount of soil carried off will be lessened.

In some cases terraces have been made on side hills, their sides sodded and only a moderate slope left on the top of the terrace. This method is practicable only on small farms of high-priced land.

Frequent crops of alfalfa or clover are very beneficial in preventing soil wash by washing.

They leave the soil in a much better condition to hold the water that comes. Plentiful applications of barnyard manure add humus to the soil and have much the same effect as alfalfa and clover.

Tile drainage is beneficial where the soil is inclined to wash away. At first though it might seem an odd notion to put tile where the water was already breaking its neck to get away. But the removal of water is only one of the uses of tile. It loosens the soil and increases its capacity to hold water.

If the farm is generally hilly it should be used as a stock farm rather than a grain farm. The stock farm will call for pasture and probably alfalfa or clover. It will produce the manure necessary to furnish an abundance of humus for the soil. Steep hillsides will grow better grass than any other kind of crops, and a good sod will hold the soil in case of heavy rains.

Soil washing, then, may be partially controlled by deep plowing, by terraces, by grass crops, by tiling and by converting the place into a stock farm. These remedies will not wholly cure the evil, but will prevent much of the damage.

The Location of Improved Roads.

The present interest in good roads has developed the question of whether it is better to build the new roads in all directions from towns, or to first make good roads between the commercial centers. Ultimately it is hoped that there will be good roads everywhere, but what places shall get them first is the question.

The answer will probably be that the roads will be improved along the farms of the most progressive citizens. Wherever private enterprise does not locate road improvement the interests of the public doubtless lie in the connecting of the larger towns by good roads. The ever increasing automobile traffic follows the good roads and the localities that have them will get the most favorable advertising from that source.

The cross-state highway road in Missouri, with its choice of routes, will do much toward bringing to favorable notice the portions of the state through which it passes. A large part, if not all, of the expense of road construction is returned to the farms in the increased valuation of the land. Should a farmer desire a loan on his place, he can get a larger amount under more favorable terms if his place joins a good rock road. A macadamized road is not only a luxury, but it is a profitable investment.

Cowpeas may be pastured down two or three times. After they are pretty well eaten off the stock should be taken out and the plants will recuperate. When the remains are plowed under in the fall the land will have received a valuable acquisition of nitrogen.

For Sale.

The Grace Hill school building will be sold, and a new one built. If you want this building, call on J. A. Stallsmith, clerk of the board. R. F. D. No. 2, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Bale Ties.

For bale ties go to Baxter Mill & Elevator.

A. J. Thompson, D. D. S. Phone 261 and 90.

Announcements.

SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of sheriff, and will appreciate the support of all members of my party.

Ralph E. Martin.

PROBATE JUDGE.

Wm. Campbell of Galena asks us to announce him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of probate judge, subject to the will of the Democrats at the primary.

Phil C. Metzler of Columbus asks us to announce him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for probate judge, subject to the action of the primaries.

F. A. Jackson of Columbus asks us to announce him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of probate judge, promising, if nominated, to try and make a winning campaign in November.

Whereas, The people did indorse my administration of this office in 1910, and as I especially desire to continue my juvenile work and believe that juvenile judges can, and do, become more useful to the friends and unfortunate by practical experience, acquaintance and association with other juvenile workers in this and other states, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Probate and Juvenile Judge, subject to the will of the voters at the Republican primary election August 6th, 1912.

J. H. Ellis.

COUNTY CLERK.

Emerson Hull of Columbus asks us to announce him as a candidate for the office of county clerk, subject to the primaries.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Attorney, promising, if nominated and elected, to fill the office to the best of my ability.

A. L. Majors

R. W. Emerson of Weir City asks us to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for county attorney, subject to the primaries.

DISTRICT CLERK.

W. S. Wickersham authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for renomination to the office of clerk of the district court, subject to the action of the Democrats at the primary in August.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

J. A. Orr announces his candidacy for renomination for the office of register of deeds, subject to the action of the Democrats at the primary to be held Aug. 6.

REPRESENTATIVE 23rd DISTRICT. We are authorized to announce that R. L. Armstrong will be a candidate for renomination for representative from the 23rd district, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the district at the August primaries.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination to the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primaries, August 6th.

E. E. Stonecipher.

Dr. M. I. Nichols, Dental Surgeon.

Upstairs in Opperman Building. Latest appliances used in the practice of dental surgery.

BAXTER LIVERY BARN.

Oldest in the city. Established 30 years ago. Good service and reasonable rates.

J. BISCHOFBERGER, Prop.

City Dray Line

ED. COVEY, Proprietor
Freight, Household Goods and articles of all kinds hauled at reasonable rates.

Judges and Clerks.

Pursuant to the call for a primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 1912, I have appointed the following named persons to be judges and clerks for the said primary election:

First Ward.

Judges—A. G. Hanback, John Jennings, M. I. Nichols. Clerks—C. A. Diveley, Jas. T. Ryon.

Second Ward.

Judges—J. M. Newhouse, Wm. Jones, R. A. Weaver. Clerks—G. W. Skinner, Vale Smith.

Third Ward.

Judges—G. Nichols, Chas. Gaines, J. A. Dennis. Clerks—Ed. Johnson, Jas. Smith.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, the same being attested by the city clerk, with the seal of the city attached.

Chas. M. Jones, Mayor.

Attest: B. W. Patton,
(Seal) City Clerk.